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Dear Sirs

**Our Clients: Mr Gerry Gable and Searchlight Magazine Limited**  
**Your Client: Colin Jordan**

We write in response to your letters of 1 December 2008 to Searchlight Magazine Limited and Mr Gerry Gable respectively.

Please note that we are instructed by them in this matter. Please therefore address any future correspondence in this matter to the writer of this letter.

In the Terrorism Act 2000 terrorism is defined so as to include the use or threat of action which (amongst other things):

involves serious violence against the person, involves serious damage to property, endangers life or creates a serious risk to health and safety;

where the use or threat is made to intimidate the public or a section of the public and to advance a political or ideological cause.

Where the use or threat involves the use of firearms or explosives it is terrorism even if only for the purpose of advancing a political or ideological cause.

In 1960 your client set up a paramilitary force called *Spearhead*.

He has numerous convictions for offences under the public order and race relations legislation. In particular in 1962 he was convicted under the Public Order Act and imprisoned for 9 months for organising *Spearhead*. Its members were considered to have been trained and equipped in such

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a manner as to arouse reasonable apprehension that they were being employed for the use or display of force for promoting a political object.

In 1962 your client set up the *National Socialist Movement* ("NSM"). As you acknowledge in your letters, members of NSM subsequently trained in bomb making.

In fact in the mid 1960s NSM activists, including your client's wife, were convicted at the Central Criminal Court of offences arising out of a series of arsons (in the form of fire bomb attacks) against Jewish buildings in London. One of the attacks, on a theological college in Stamford Hill, left one student dead and another with serious spinal injuries. Your client encouraged this activity and had advance knowledge of at least one of the attacks. There is no reason to believe that any of these attacks would have taken place had your client not established NSM and encouraged hatred of Jews amongst its membership.

Your client has been a consistent advocate of terrorism in pursuit of his extremist political ideology over many years.

For example in 1986 he wrote an article in the journal of the extreme Nazi elite organisation, *The League of St George*, in which he argued that even a politically successful National-Socialist party would ultimately have to use force to take power from what he called *democracy's masters*.

Again by way of example, in 1997 he wrote a long article in his own publication, *Gothic Ripples*, entitled *Is electioneering the way to win?* In this he argued that National-Socialism would have to pursue power *in all ways possible, which are consistent with the inviolate preservation of our principles...* The article argued that:

*...the time will come for the physical seizure of state power by our people...but that time is nowhere near...What has to be grasped is that, appropriate to present conditions and our present circumstances in those conditions, the need of the day is for guerrilla activities...a break down is something that has to be brought on through the constant application of acts of sabotage, impeding and dislocating the machinery of government...*

To the extent that the article in *Searchlight* to which you refer contains an imputation against your client it is that:

in the decades following the second world war your client was part of the far-right terrorist threat to this country.

As is abundantly clear from the foregoing, this imputation is true.

Further the article, including the passages dealing with your client's past activities, is responsible journalism on a matter of public interest, namely the long-standing far-right terrorist threat faced by our country.

In the circumstances our clients decline to take any of the steps requested of them in your letter. Any proceedings in libel commenced by your client against ours in relation to this

article, will be vigorously defended on grounds of meaning, justification and *Reynolds* qualified privilege. We are instructed to accept service of any such proceedings.

Yours faithfully

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